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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN SUPPLEMENTAL

HOPES FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR CAMBODIA WERE DEALT A SERIOUS BLOW IN THE HOUSE TODAY. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REJECTED ALL PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE BILL PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION--INCLUDING THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL--BY A VOTE OF 15 TO 18, THEN, PURSUANT TO WAYNE HAYS' INTERVENTION, DEFERRED A VOTE ON THE BILL ITSELF TO GIVE THE DEPT THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ONE MORE TIME. THE VOTE ON THE HAMILTON PROPOSAL REFLECTED THE STRENGTH OF THE OPPOSITION TO SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA, EXCEPT AS A MEANS OF TERMINATING THE FIGHTING AND US INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE BY JUNE 30. HAYS, WHO SAVED US FROM FINAL DEFEAT TODAY, TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT CAMBODIA ASSISTANCE IS DEAD IN HIS JUDGMENT. THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS VOTED 38 TO 5 TODAY TO REJECT ANY FURTHER FY-75 MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS WILL CAST A SHADOW ON MONDAY'S VOTE IN THE SFRC, THOUGH WE NOW APPEAR TO HAVE AN EVEN CHANCE IN THAT COMMITTEE ON THE FORMULA ADOPTED TUESDAY IN THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE. INGERSOLL
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